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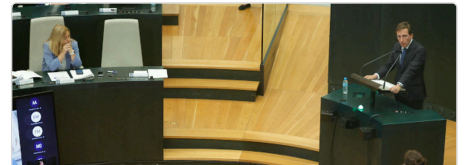
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On October 1, 2026, the Madrid City Council approved the naming of 26 new streets in the urban development of Los Cerros, located in the Vicálvaro district. This initiative combines the recognition of significant cultural and historical figures with the revival of traditional place names associated with the area.

According to Inma Sanz, the Deputy Mayor and municipal spokesperson, the proposal includes names suggested by local historians and aims to honor individuals from various fields who have contributed to the knowledge, culture, and transformation of Madrid.

Among the notable names included is Alfredo Di Stéfano, a legendary figure in football history and closely associated with Real Madrid, where he played for 11 seasons and won multiple titles, including five consecutive European Cups. Di Stéfano remained connected to the club until his passing in 2014.

Another street will be named after Victoria de los Ángeles, a renowned Spanish soprano of the 20th century, celebrated for her performances in prestigious opera houses worldwide, including the Paris Opera and the Metropolitan Opera in New York. She received numerous accolades, such as the Prince of Asturias Award for the Arts.

The new street names will also commemorate Luisa Ignacia Roldán, known as 'La Roldana', the first documented female sculptor in Spain and a prominent figure in Baroque sculpture. She was appointed court sculptor for King Charles II in 1692.

Additionally, the name of José Rodríguez Losada, a famous 19th-century clockmaker known for the clock at the Real Casa de Correos in Puerta del Sol, will also be featured. His donation of the clock in 1866 made it an iconic symbol of the city.

The proposal also recognizes a diverse group of historians and researchers dedicated to studying and promoting Madrid's heritage. This includes Francisco José Portela Sandoval, an art historian, and José del Corral Raya, known for his works on Madrid's traditions and daily life.

Furthermore, the new street names will celebrate contributions from the fields of music, dance, and the performing arts, with names such as Ataúlfo Argenta, a conductor, and Mariemma, a celebrated dancer and choreographer.

In addition to honoring these personalities, the new street names will restore seven historical toponyms from Los Cerros: El Raso, Los Baldíos, El Concordado, Chortal de la Higuera, Tierra de la Lámpara, Casa Montero, and Fuente Amarguilla. These names, proposed by the Historical-Cultural Association Vicus Albus, are linked to the agricultural and pastoral history of the Vicálvaro area.

This initiative aims to integrate the memory of individuals associated with culture, science, and the arts with the historical identity of the territory, ensuring that the growth of this new area in Vicálvaro maintains a connection to its past.

The 26 New Street Names

- Calle de Francisco Portela Sandoval
- Calle de El Raso
- Calle de José Rodríguez Losada
- Calle de José del Corral Raya
- Calle de Jesús Gilarranz Vaquero
- Calle de Gonzalo Anes y Álvarez de Castrillón
- Calle de Virginia Tovar Martín
- Calle de Alfredo Di Stéfano
- Calle de Juana Espinós Orlando
- Calle de Vicente Palacio Atard
- Calle de Carmen Pescador del Hoyo
- Calle de Los Baldíos
- Calle de Manuel de Terán Álvarez
- Calle de El Concordado
- Calle de Pedro Bidagor
- Calle de Ataúlfo Argenta
- Calle del Chortal de la Higuera
- Calle de la Tierra de la Lámpara
- Calle de Casa Montero
- Calle de Victoria de los Ángeles

- Calle de Guillermina Martínez ‘Mariemma’
- Calle de Juana Mordó
- Calle de Alberto Lorca
- Calle de Luisa Ignacia Roldán ‘La Roldana’
- Calle de María Antonia Fernández ‘La Caramba’
- Calle de la Fuente Amarguilla

02

MADRID

Madrid expands public library network with inauguration of Benjamín Palencia library

00:00 · 8 lecturas

The new library in Vallecas features 24,500 items and spans 750 square meters, enhancing the city’s municipal library offerings to 35 centers.



On October 2, 2026, Madrid’s Mayor, José Luis Martínez-Almeida, inaugurated the Benjamín Palencia Municipal Library, located in the Ensanche de Vallecas neighborhood of the Villa de Vallecas district. The ceremony was attended by Marta Rivera de la Cruz, the city’s delegate for Culture, Tourism, and Sports, and Carlos González Pereira, the district councilor.

The new facility, part of the Benjamín Palencia Cultural Center, covers an area of 750 square meters and houses a collection of 24,500 items, including both bibliographic and multimedia resources. The city invested €541,000 in the library, which employs ten staff members working in shifts throughout the day.

A Space for Reading and Learning

The Benjamín Palencia Library offers a variety of services, including book and multimedia loans, self-checkout, public internet access, and Wi-Fi. It features dedicated study and reading areas, a children’s room, and a bebeteca (a space for babies and toddlers). The library also provides a multipurpose room and reading promotion activities.

Of the library’s bibliographic collection, 71% is aimed at adults, 25% at children, and 4% at young adults. In terms of multimedia resources, 88.4% is for adults and 11.6% for children. Additio-

nally, the library offers access to eight physical newspaper titles, two digital titles, and 55 magazine titles.

Accessibility measures include wheelchair access, NVDA screen readers at internet stations, and hearing loops at information desks. The library’s programming will feature storytelling sessions, reading clubs, creative writing workshops, English conversation groups for children, and thematic discussions on philosophy, psychology, and cinema.

A Tribute to Benjamín Palencia

The library is named after Benjamín Palencia (1894-1980), a painter and illustrator who co-founded the Vallecas School. Palencia had a strong connection to the area and the nearby Cerro Almodóvar, where he developed part of his artistic project alongside sculptor Alberto Sánchez.

With the addition of the Benjamín Palencia Library, Madrid’s network of public libraries now includes 35 centers across various districts. This network offers over 47,000 square meters of usable space, 5,281 reading stations, and 559 public internet access points, with free Wi-Fi available in all libraries.

Growing Library Usage

The opening of the new library coincides with a period of increased usage of the municipal library network. In the first half of 2026, public libraries in Madrid recorded 1,338,159 visits, a 4.09% increase compared to the same period in 2025, and logged 832,916 loans. The number of library cardholders reached 595,260, up 1.3%, while active internet users rose to 110,128, a 3.17% increase.

Moreover, during the second quarter of the year, libraries organized 3.42% more activities, with attendance increasing by 4.26% compared to the previous year. Over the past few years, library usage has seen significant growth, with visits increasing by approximately 40%, loans by around 26%, and attendance at activities by more than 56% from 2022 to 2025. Following the opening of the Benjamín Palencia Library, Madrid is set to expand its public library offerings further with the upcoming inauguration of the Victoria Prego Municipal Library in Carabanchel.

03

MADRID

Centro Danza Matadero hosts the 11th edition of the Cuerpo Romo festival

09:16 · 1 lecturas

The contemporary dance festival will take place on October 16 and 17 at Plaza Matadero, featuring performances and workshops for all audiences.



Centro Danza Matadero is set to host the 11th edition of *Cuerpo Romo*, a contemporary dance festival that offers performances, workshops, live music sessions, and participatory initiatives for all audiences. The festival, directed by dancer and choreographer Elías Aguirre, will take place on October 16 and 17 at Plaza Matadero and in Naves 11 and 16 of Centro Danza Matadero, which are part of the City of Madrid's Department of Culture, Tourism, and Sports.

For the first time, *Cuerpo Romo* will include two free performances, which require prior ticket reservation, in Nave 11: *Hope Hunt* by Oona Doherty and *Aurunca* by Elías Aguirre. During the two-day event, Plaza Matadero will host a dozen short contemporary dance proposals, featuring solos, duets, and other formats designed specifically for public engagement outdoors.

On Friday, October 16, notable performances will include *Strip* by Fonsi López, *Bad dog, not biscuit* by Boris Orihuela, and *Hasta dónde?* by Sharon Fridman. The following day, Saturday, October 17, the program will feature *Acto III* by Empty Rooms, *La peor de todas* by Inés Narváez (10&10), *Y entre otras cosas...* by Los Innato, *Principio de incertidumbre* by Marina Melero, *Cuentas corrientes* by Jessica Castellón and Boris Orihuela, *The falling man* by Tom Weksler, and *Danzas virtuales* by Mauricio Pérez Fayos.

The indoor programming will also include two new creations in Nave 11: on Friday, October 16, *Hope Hunt* by Oona Doherty, performed by Sati Veyrunes, will explore themes of masculinity, identity, and stereotypes through movement, word, and sound. On Saturday, October 17, *Aurunca* by Elías Aguirre will delve into the concept of “non-places” to examine the relationships between body, space, time, and identity through dance and elements such as sound and lighting.

Cuerpo Romo will feature two masterclasses and a workshop for professionals in Nave 16.1 of Centro Danza Matadero. On Friday, October 16, Sati Veyrunes will lead a masterclass focused on the process of *Hope Hunt*, exploring the physical, rhythmic,

and expressive elements of Doherty's piece. That same day, choreographer Sharon Fridman will conduct a session on the INA technique, which aims to build a shared rhythm through breathing, contact, and listening. On Saturday, October 17, Marko Fonseca from Los Innato will lead the in-PRACTICAL workshop (Identification of the Other), a training inspired by various disciplines, including martial arts and Brazilian jiu-jitsu, addressing trust, coordination, and physical connection between partners.

The festival also includes participatory proposals for all audiences. The *Baila el barrio* workshop offers a playful and spontaneous approach to contemporary dance through movement, coordination, strength, flexibility, and shared listening exercises, recommended for families with children aged five and older. The *Baby Romo* workshop creates a space for parents and babies to freely inhabit and enjoy the sound experience provided by Jorge da Rocha and Eliën, aiming to foster a shared enjoyment of music.

The program will be complemented by *Open Body Talks*, participatory dialogues in movement led by Elías Aguirre, accompanied by live music from Jorge da Rocha, as well as various live music sessions. DJ and musician Ed Is Dead and Jorge da Rocha will offer different professional JAM sessions lasting 30 minutes, featuring invited dancers and musicians, while the JAM for all will open the space for public participation with live music and DJ sessions.

04

MADRID

Madrid to build 18,400 new protected homes by 2028 on private land

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The City Council of Madrid has approved two special plans to increase protected housing and facilitate new types of accommodation on industrial land.



On October 8, 2026, the City Council of Madrid adopted a planning instrument under the regulation of Law 3/2024 and its subsequent amendment by Law 2/2026, aimed at increasing rental protected housing by 14,000 units. The new regulations will allow for a 20% increase in building capacity and a 30% increase in density for collective protected housing without altering existing planning, potentially generating an additional 4,400 residences.

The regional legislation sets a two-year timeframe for these developments. The City Council also granted final approval to a special plan that permits various types of accommodation on industrial land, where previously only hotel construction was allowed. This plan will affect over 240 plots located in eight districts: Arganzuela, Chamartín, Fuencarral-El Pardo, Usera, Ciudad Lineal, Hortaleza, San Blas-Canillejas, and Barajas.

On Thursday, the City Council held an extraordinary plenary session to approve the two urban planning special plans. These plans aim to increase the supply of protected rental housing in the city by over 18,400 new homes beyond what was previously planned until 2028, and to facilitate the establishment of alternative accommodation types, such as serviced apartments, in industrial areas.

The Urbanism, Environment, and Mobility Department, led by Borja Carabante, presented the planning instrument to integrate the municipal Urban Planning Regulations with Law 3/2024, enacted on June 28, which promotes public initiative protected housing, along with the amendments made by Law 2/2026.

“These two plans are linked to addressing the main problem facing Spaniards, which is housing,” Carabante stated during his address.

Carabante emphasized that the City Council has made significant efforts to increase housing supply by unlocking new

developments that were previously stalled and implementing more planning instruments to free up land for housing.

As part of additional measures to promote housing construction, the City Council approved, two years ago, the application of Law 2024 within the municipal territory, which initially relaxed the establishment of rental protected housing for 15 years on land designated for offices. As a result, 5,806 homes have been processed in 21 months.

The municipal regulations, as established in Law 2/2026, include incentives to increase building capacity by up to 20% and density by 30% on land designated for protected housing without altering the planning, but the municipal special plan clarifies that this can only be applied to collective housing, not single-family homes.

The Urbanism, Environment, and Mobility Department has also advanced another special plan to allow any type of accommodation, including serviced apartments, guesthouses, or inns, in industrial areas where such uses were previously prohibited. This initiative aims to increase the supply of short- and medium-stay accommodation in these areas of the capital, especially considering the restrictions in the city center and the decentralization of accommodation use promoted by the RESIDE Plan, approved last year.

Following an extensive study of over 3,000 plots in industrial areas or classified for industrial use, it was concluded that areas regulated by the third degree of Zonal Regulation 9 and plots classified for industrial use included in non-industrial global use areas could accommodate all categories of accommodation use.

05

MADRID

Madrid City Council launches tender for automated access system in 50 resident parking facilities

10:35

The Madrid City Council has approved a contract tender for an automated access system in 50 resident parking facilities, with a budget of €1.4 million.



On October 8, 2026, the Madrid City Council approved a contract for an automated access system that will enhance security and management in 50 resident parking facilities. The initiative comes with a budget of €1.4 million and aims to improve the identification of authorized vehicles through license plate recognition technology.

The new system will feature automatic barriers, cameras, intercoms, and a digital platform for managing access. It is designed to operate 24/7, ensuring that user incidents are addressed at all times. The City Council's decision was made during a meeting of the Governing Board, which approved a mixed contract for services and supplies to install this system in two batches of 25 facilities each.

This automated access system will guarantee that residents can access their designated parking spots, streamline incident management, and optimize municipal resources allocated for parking control and inspection. Additionally, it will integrate with the Low Emission Zone and other municipal mobility systems, promoting a more automated management model while enhancing oversight of resident parking usage.

The contract, which has an initial duration of three years with the possibility of a one-year extension, will replace existing access mechanisms, which vary by facility and include keys, remotes, and other control systems. The new cameras will identify vehicle license plates upon entry and exit, allowing for automated management of authorized vehicle access.

This initiative responds to findings from the Parking Inspection Plan, which highlighted various instances of improper use of parking spaces. The absence of automated mechanisms has made it challenging to promptly verify vehicles entering the facilities, necessitating more resources for supervision.

The system will provide comprehensive information about access and facilitate the detection of potential violations, while also improving safety and enabling remote incident management.

Furthermore, the management system will be integrated with the municipal application MAPAR, the Data Platform, and other corporate systems, ensuring that information is incorporated into existing city tools.

The contract also includes the installation of intercoms connected to a remote control center, which will assist users 24/7. The service is expected to respond to at least 90% of calls within 30 seconds, with a maximum response time of 45 minutes for on-site assistance for unresolved issues.

The new infrastructure must achieve a minimum annual availability of 99% and will include necessary preventive and corrective maintenance work to ensure optimal functioning. The implementation will take place across 50 municipal resident parking facilities, with a maximum completion timeframe of seven months.

Currently, Madrid has 281 municipal parking facilities, both resident and mixed, totaling over 98,000 spaces for residents. Their management varies by facility, involving concessionary companies, user communities, and, to a lesser extent, direct management by the Municipal Transport Company (EMT Madrid). The gradual implementation of automated control systems is expected to enhance parking security, improve user service, and ensure appropriate use of spaces allocated for residents.

06

MADRID

Madrid City Council to Enhance Ocaña Roundabout with Our Lady of Light

10:29

The Governing Board has approved the delegation of responsibilities to the Latina district for the design and execution of the beautification project for the roundabout.



On October 8, 2026, the Madrid City Council approved during the Governing Board meeting the delegation of responsibilities to the Latina district for the design and execution of a beautification project for the central island of the roundabout located at the intersection of Ocaña and Nuestra Señora de la Luz streets.

This initiative responds to repeated requests from local residents and aligns with an agreement approved by the Full Council of the Latina Municipal District aimed at improving this urban space. Furthermore, it is part of broader efforts to enhance public roads and inter-block spaces in the Aluche neighborhood, as outlined in the Public Space Recovery Strategy of the SURES Plan, which seeks to address territorial imbalances in the southern and eastern districts of Madrid.

The roundabout serves as a conventional traffic intersection, featuring a circular central island with a diameter of 20 meters that currently lacks aesthetic appeal, contributing to an image of neglect and deterioration. Given that landscaping or planting tree species that could obstruct traffic visibility is not advisable, the Latina district proposes an aesthetic improvement by consolidating a minimally maintained surface that will support an ornamental sign related to the Aluche neighborhood.

This project aims to enhance the urban image of one of the access points to the neighborhood, making it more visible to those entering from the Carabanchel district. Funding for this initiative will be sourced from a budget modification of the current 2026 ordinary budget, supplemented by territorial rebalancing funds from the SURES plan for the 2027 fiscal year if necessary.

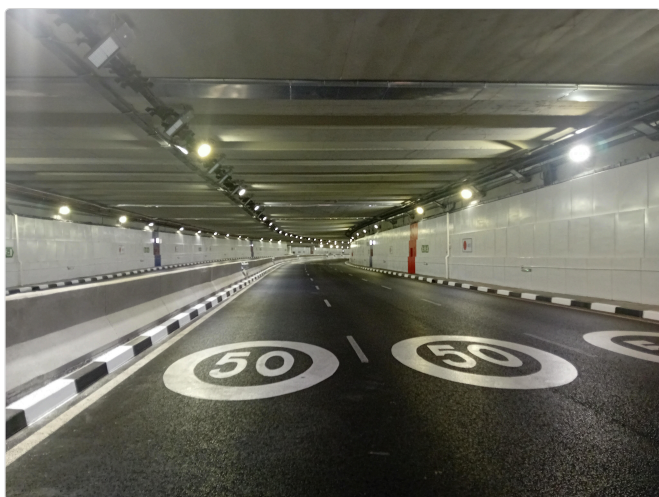
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MADRID

Madrid extends contract for urban tunnel management and maintenance

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The Madrid City Council has approved an extension of the contract for the management and maintenance of urban tunnels, effective from December 1 until March 31, 2027, at a cost of €4.9 million.



The Madrid City Council has approved a contract extension for the management and maintenance of the city's urban tunnels, which will begin on December 1 and last until March 31, 2027. The contract is valued at €4.9 million.

Madrid has a network of 40 urban tunnels, spanning a total length of 40.1 kilometers and covering an area of 432,178 square

meters. This tunnel network is equipped with advanced technology to ensure user safety, including:

- 811 surveillance cameras
- 862 gas and fire sensors
- 388 emergency SOS posts
- 465 variable information panels
- 474 control traffic lights
- 726 ventilation systems
- 140 traffic flow measurement points

The tunnels are monitored and controlled from the AZCA Tunnel Control Center, which operates 24/7 throughout the year. The contract extension aims to maintain the tunnels, excluding those managed by Madrid Calle 30, ensuring compliance with regulations and performing necessary maintenance and repairs on structural elements, civil works, and control and communication systems.

Additionally, the contract includes ongoing surveillance and control tasks conducted from the AZCA Control Center, as well as the provision of two first-response teams to address any incidents occurring in the tunnels. The contract is supported by a dedicated team of over 110 professionals, including technicians, maintenance workers, and staff operating in the tunnels.

Since 2022, significant technological improvements have been implemented, including the establishment of a new redundant fiber optic communication network dedicated to tunnel safety, advancements in cybersecurity, and the upgrade of many cameras to advanced digital technology with some incorporating artificial intelligence. These enhancements have positioned Madrid as a leader in new safety systems.

Continuous training for personnel is a priority, and there is ongoing collaboration between tunnel maintenance services, fire-fighters, municipal police, emergency medical services (SAMUR-PC), and emergency response number 112. This collaboration is evident in regular drills involving over a hundred participants to improve coordination and preparedness for emergency protocols.

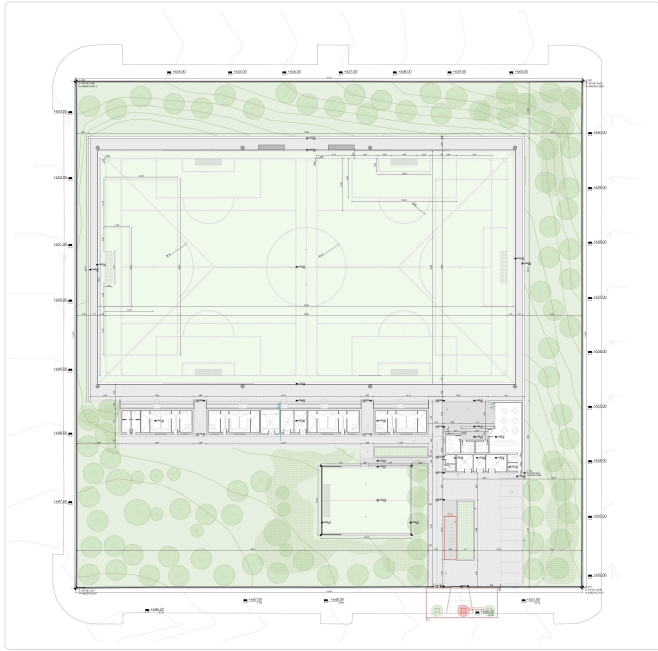
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MADRID

Madrid City Council approves construction of new football field in Valdebebas

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The Madrid City Council has approved the construction of a new football field in Valdebebas, with a budget of €7.4 million, scheduled to be completed by 2028.



On October 8, 2026, the Madrid City Council announced the approval for the construction of a new football field in Valdebebas, located in the Hortaleza district. The basic sports facility will be situated at Calle de Félix Candela, 18, with a base budget of €7.4 million.

Construction is expected to begin in mid-2027 and extend until mid-2028. The project includes a full-size artificial grass football field, two smaller 7-a-side fields, a training area, and the necessary facilities for operation, such as changing rooms, stands, and a café.

The development will also involve the complete urbanization of the site, which will include pedestrian and vehicular access routes. The changing rooms and café will be designed as two interconnected volumes with a continuous sloped roof. The changing rooms will be positioned parallel to the west side of the playing field and will have a narrow, elongated shape. Facilities will be centrally located, with changing rooms on either side. Two exits will lead directly onto the playing field.

Additionally, three rows of stands will be integrated behind the changing rooms, facing the football field. The café will include restrooms and a public service area, as well as a general storage room, a separate storage area for sports equipment, a pump room, and a waste storage area for the café.

The site for this basic sports facility spans 13,456 square meters, with 600 square meters allocated for the aforementioned buildings, 7,500 square meters for urbanized space, and the remainder designated for the playing and training fields. Due to the site's complex terrain, which features significant elevation changes, a specific level has been established for the field to minimize excessive slopes and the need for excessive fill material, allowing excavated earth to be reused in other areas.

